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Dear Coworkers:

There are comparatively few universal, common denominators throughout this world. For example, anthropologists tell us there are no important universally approved "good" acts of behavior and perhaps only one or two "bad" or unacceptable practices among all nations and tribes.

However, one "value" or "desire" does seem to exist nearly everywhere. It is the ambition of parents to give their children an "advantage" in this world. Fathers and mothers in the jungle villages of Cambodia or in the tenement districts of modern cities will work hard, save and deny themselves in order that their kin can have some education. We have been rediscovering this fact through IFYE, through the United Nations, and through workshops for rural youth leaders in Latin America and Far East Asia. Fortunately for civilization, this universal urge or desire is good for both individuals and for society in general. It stimulates progress. It is especially reassuring to educators.

Why then do we observe so often that parents seem disinterested or unconcerned about educational programs for their children? Why does it seem to us that there is an apathy, or a tendency to let the club leader or the Extension agent shoulder the whole responsibility for having a good 4-H club? Perhaps these words of a Siamese parent living about 50 miles northwest of Bangkok, Thailand, contain a key to this problem. "Our son works hard in school and in his Yuma Kassikorn (4-H Club) work. He learns much from both. But we, his parents, must help him with the projects that he carries in his club work. And so we learn from Yuma Kassikorn, too. We like that better."

It is a compliment to your work that Nai Prayune, national leader of rural youth work for Thailand, learned this important principle while he was in the United States as an Extension trainee last year: Parents will be more interested in 4-H if they are asked to help --- and are involved in the operation of it --- at all levels.

GENERAL CORNWALL OF ENGLAND VISITS IN U.S.

Enroute home to London, Major General R. F. Cornwall, Secretary of the National Federation of Young Farmer Clubs of England and Wales, stopped in our office late last month. He was completing a whirlwind tour of field visits, including Georgia and Michigan Extension Services, the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work in Chicago, the F.F.A. Convention at Kansas City, and the Kellogg Foundation at Battle Creek, Michigan. General Cornwall is newly appointed to his office, succeeding Major M. Hiles, recently retired.

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Headquarters of the National Federation is in London. Many State and county extension workers have become familiar with the good work of this educational youth organization through our IFYE program and as a result of earlier visits from Miss Barbara Tilden, O. T. Norris, and others of the N.F.Y.F.C. organization.

General Cornwall was here to observe rural youth work in the U. S. as a background for study and evaluation of the British program. At an informal luncheon here on October 29, he expressed sincere thanks and appreciation for all the help he received while in this country.

EXTENSION WORK WITH INDIANS

Shawnee Brown, former Director in Oklahoma, is now on the FES staff to help the States plan for improved Extension work with Indians as a part of the total Extension program. Miss Mary Kennington will be assisting him on phases of the program that relate to home economics.

We have heard reports of a wonderful tribute paid to Mr. Brown by the 4-H members and leaders with whom he has been working. At the Oklahoma State Fair, one day was designated as "Shawnee Brown Day" at which time appropriate tribute was paid to him for his counsel and leadership through the years.

DICK NELSON NOW AFBF YOUNG PEOPLE'S DIRECTOR

Dick Nelson is announced as the new Director of Young People's Activities for the American Farm Bureau Federation, with offices in Chicago. This is the position formerly held by Warren Newberry who has become regional organization assistant in the Southern region. Mr. Nelson has been an AFBF staff member in Michigan, California and Washington. We have heard fine things about his abilities and his cooperative attitude. It will be a pleasure to work with him as it was with Warren Newberry.

NEW HOME FOR AMERICAN CAMPING ASSOCIATION

The ACA now has a home of its own dedicated on October 21. Location is at Bradford Woods, Martinsburg, Indiana, the outdoor education center of Indiana University. Members of the Indiana staff were official 4-H representatives at the opening day. The library of the new headquarters is expected to house the finest collection of camping literature in the country.

SAVINGS BOND EFFORT

This year's savings bond appeal is directed toward the purchase of bonds as a part of good family financial planning. Their quick conversion in case of emergency and their value as a means of regular saving will be stressed. No doubt your State Savings Bonds Director will be getting in touch with you and your Director.

FARM-CITY WEEK

On several occasions, we have mentioned the approaching second annual Farm-City Week (November 16-22). No doubt you know that President Eisenhower, at the request of Congress by joint resolution, issued a proclamation for the Week including the following: "...and I request the Department of Agriculture, the land-grant colleges, the Agricultural Extension Service, and all other appropriate agencies and officials of the Government to cooperate."

We shall be glad to have reports from State Leaders about appropriate observances where 4-H Clubs were involved.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

You will be hearing more about the Theodore Roosevelt Centennial to be featured in 1958. A special commission was set up by Act of Congress of July 28, 1955, to promote appropriate ways for the citizens to observe the 100th anniversary of Mr. Theodore Roosevelt. Since the life of "Teddy" Roosevelt is so challenging to young Americans, this observance may have special meaning for youth programs like 4-H.

AN IN-SERVICE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

Some State 4-H workers find it easier to participate in training opportunities if they do not occur in mid-summer. To meet inquiries about such training, we have secured the following listing for the Group Work Institute to be held at Boston University, School of Social Work, next March 25 to 29. Courses will be: Training Methods for Volunteers and Staff, Community Organization, Fundamentals of Group Work, Delinquency and Group Work, The Pre-Adolescent, Working with the Aged, Human Relations in Administration.

STATE 4-H HEALTH PROGRAMS LAUNCHED

"4-H'ers Wise--Sanitize" is the new theme selected by West Virginia for the coming year. Main objective is to encourage individual Club members to improve unsanitary conditions around the home, yard, farm, and community. The three phases for emphasis are:

Insect and Pest Control
Care of Home and Yard
Garbage and Trash Disposal

Wisconsin has announced its five-year approach to the 4-H health program to include

- 1956-57 - Promoting Dental Health
- 1957-58 - Living Together (Understanding Myself and Others)
- 1958-59 - Home Safety
- 1959-60 - Individual Health Problems (Posture, Grooming, Nutrition)
- 1960-61 - Sanitation

The 1957 emphasis in the Wyoming health activity is "Posture and Foot Health." A leaflet for members and an accompanying one for the volunteer leader are available.

POLIO VACCINATION FOR TEEN-AGERS AND YOUNG ADULTS

Polio vaccine is now available in ample supply to permit protection for teen-agers and young adults. Educational groups across the Nation are teaming up with the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in a program to help young people and their families realize the importance of the protection. About 25 percent of all polio patients are adults of 20 or over. Another 15 percent are teen-agers. Each year, thousands of young people of high school age are stricken.

Dr. Clair Turner of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis will be sending to each State 4-H Club Leader a kit of appropriate informational materials, explaining the current educational program.

Most of you will find that your schools, informal youth programs, and civic and community groups are alerted to give serious concern to this problem.

4-H FELLOWSHIPS

Have you noted that the amount of the six 4-H Fellowships has been increased to \$2,000. This welcome news might well be given to prospective applicants who are considering applying for the wonderful experience in Washington.

4-H ISSUE OF EXTENSION SERVICE REVIEW - (May 1957)

May we alert you to the preliminary planning that has been done for the special 4-H issue of the Review and, also, ask for your help in suggesting areas of emphasis and where meaningful stories could be located.

The planning group strongly suggests that we focus on some important problem area rather than having a general issue. Someone expressed it as "The rifle rather than the shot gun approach." The recommendation was to point up how can we make adjustments in the 4-H Club program to better the needs of members at the various stages of maturity and thus increase our membership tenure and depth of program.

Last year, we used a more formal survey to evaluate the effectiveness of the previous year's issue and to draw out suggestions for timely articles. This time, we felt we could rely on your response to a request in this Ideas letter.

REPLY REQUESTED Please - will you give this topic your thoughtful attention. Then, use the sheet attached to this letter to send us the good ideas of your State staff. May we have your reply by December 1.

PROGRESS REPORT ON AUTOMOTIVE CARE AND SAFETY

Splendid progress is being made in developing the Automotive Care and Safety project. We predict it is going to have a real impact for the enrichment of our 4-H program for teen-agers. The latest developments further explore and expand the original outline published in "Broader Horizons" as one of the program areas particularly adapted to older members.

The Workshop Committee, under the able chairmanship of Verne Varney, met in Columbus, Ohio, on October 11-12. They reviewed the nine sections developed for the introductory project which will be published and distributed to pilot States in December. This Unit A is pitched at the pre-driving age--the fifteen-year-old.

The committee also gave its approval to the distribution of the brochure which has been developed to announce the projects. By this time, you will have received an informational letter from Mr. Varney on the brochure. A copy is enclosed also.

MOVIES AND OTHER VISUALS

"The 4-H Trail" - B&W/color, 28-minute motion picture, made in California, to explain 4-H in action. This movie was produced by the University of California Extension Division at Los Angeles for the Agricultural Extension Service. State leaders will be receiving a letter about the availability of the film for purchase.

"Rural America Review" - 16 mm. color - This has been mentioned earlier but now we acknowledge that the film is available through the generous support of the Ralston Purina Company. This is the film made by Sam Orleans during the 1956 National 4-H Camp.

"This Rival World" - 16 mm., color, 28 minutes - Shows in a dramatic way man's war against insects. It is designed to acquaint the public with the importance of insect control. It can be borrowed from: Mr. Robert E. Hamman, Washington Representative, Agricultural Chemical Division, Shell Chemical Corporation, 1700 K Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. Be sure to indicate when and for what you need the film.

"American Engineer" - 16 mm., color, 29 minutes. Within the next three months, you may be seeing this technicolor movie at your local theater. Beginning January 1, it will be available for loan to educational groups such as 4-H. With beautiful photography, the film pays tribute to the significant achievements which have come about through the work of American engineers. It might have particular use as a tool in career guidance work. For use after January 1, it may be requested from Film Distribution Department, The Jam Handy Organization, 2821 East Grand Boulevard, Detroit 11, Michigan.

NEW BULLETINS ISSUED BY THE STATES

Project Bulletins:

"Your 4-H Beef Project" and "Your 4-H Dairy Project" (Oregon). Two excellent new bulletins, printed in 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 size, well illustrated.

"4-H Farm Management Principles" (West Virginia). The first of three projects dealing with various phases of farm management. (The author, Kenneth P. Brundage, is the son of Gus Brundage.) The work is set up so it can be done on an individual basis or by a small group in any club.

"Dollars and Sense" (New York). The latest project in home management, prepared by Agnes Dinsmore, Extension specialist. Material includes a leader's guide, member's guide and a record sheet. Miss Dinsmore has recently revised or brought up to date the 4-H home management literature.

"Care of the Kitchen" and "This Is the Way We Wash Our Clothes" (Maryland). Two more leaflets just off the press in home management units for 4-H Club members. Joanne W. Reitz, Home Management Specialist, is the author.

"The Fourth H is Health" (Nebraska). This booklet contains material for a personal health project. Check sheets for growth, food habits, grooming, and rest are included. Two more of these attractive and easily-read bulletins by Helen Becker and Don K. Wiles, now in process, are "Family Health" and "Community Health."

"Your 4-H Photography Project" (Michigan). Describes requirements for this type of project and also essentials of good photography, including developing and printing.

"4-H Club Citizenship Project Outline" (Tennessee). Contains suggestions for a project designed to encourage good citizenship among 4-H members. Author is Aubry Scott. One copy of this bulletin was in the citizenship kit to each State recently.

"Make It--Use It" (Massachusetts). Has plans for handicraft club members. All articles in the leaflet have been carefully selected for appropriateness, low cost of material, and the learning processes involved.

California - Several fine new project bulletins, all of them size 8½ x 11, and punched for notebooks. Included:

- "Your 4-H Club Sheep Feeding Project"
- "Your 4-H Club Sheep Showing Manual"
- "Your 4-H Club Swine Feeding Project"
- "Your 4-H Club Swine Showing Manual"
- "Your 4-H Club Beef Breeding Project"
- "Your 4-H Club Beef Feeding Project"
- "Your 4-H Club Beef Showing Manual"
- "Beautify Your Home Grounds...The 4-H Way"
- "4-H Club Leader's Guide Electric Project"
- "Sugar Beet Magic - 4-H Sugar Beet Project, Second Year"
- "4-H Leader's Manual for Vegetable Crop Projects"
- "California 4-H Club Record - Safety"

"Wyoming 4-H Club Projects and Related Activities" - Pertinent information about the objectives and requirements of each project offered in the State, plus some general information about conduct of 4-H.

"4-H Members' Project Guide" (New Hampshire). Does a good job of enumerating and classifying the projects available to 4-H members in that State.

Organization and Methods Bulletins:

"4-H Club Organization Handbook for Extension Workers" (Tennessee). A handbook to help agents enlist more volunteer assistance. Probably not available for wide distribution.

"Share 4-H With Your Community" (South Dakota). Although issued in 1953, the bulletin was new to us and worth telling you about. It has suggestions to clubs about community service.

"Good Meeting Ideas for 4-H and Rural Youth Members" (South Dakota). Again, not new, but worthy of being called to your attention. Has suggestions for officers and meeting procedures.

"Cues for Teens" (South Dakota). Another of those that have been in circulation in the State but which we have just discovered. Author of this bulletin about courtesy and grooming is Mary Frances Lyle. It is used mostly for older members.

"Mister Chairman,--4-H Club Officers' Handbook" (Missouri). An appealing and informative new handbook. Emphasizes the things that make the difference between an interesting 4-H meeting and a dull one.

"Let's Build a Window Display", "Telling Your Story with a Booth," and "Notes on Floats" (Minnesota). Three one-page leaflets, each loaded with good ideas.

"Wyoming 4-H Demonstration Guide" - A new and stimulating guide done by Cal Dodge. On 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 size and is punched for filing in the member's 4-H book.

"4-H Awards Program Relating to Improvement of Agriculture Through Aviation" (Kansas). An activity of members, age 14 and above. Each member must also enroll in the soil conservation project and/or other projects which contribute to the 10-point program in Balanced Farming and Family Living.

"Wyoming 4-H Club Membership Application Card" - The application card is in two parts, one lists available projects on one side, and comments to members and leaders about participation in 4-H on the other. This part of the card is kept by the member.

"Wyoming Program International Farm Youth Exchange" - An envelope-size leaflet explaining the IFYE program in Wyoming.

"Part-Time Farming--Its Influence on Young Families" (Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station Research Bulletin 775) - Another of the excellent studies by Mrs. Christine H. Hillman.

ENCLOSED FOR YOUR USE:

"Parents and 4-H Club Work" - This is a revision of the leader-training leaflet you have found so useful through the years. We are indebted to Lyman Noordhoff and Gertrude Power of our Division of Information Programs for dressing it up a bit. Perhaps you will have new use for this basic bulletin if it looks a bit different. Laurel Sabrosky cooperated by checking content in view of research in the area.

"How to Make A Study of Extension Agents' Use of Time" - Laurel Sabrosky has developed a tool, very useful and timely, which grew out of her experience with such studies. The role, function and status of county workers is currently of concern and some States are giving attention to a job analysis.

"The Teacher and Motivation" (To State Leaders only) - Again, we are indebted to Laurel Sabrosky for calling our attention to this excellent article. We hope State Leaders will share this with all staff members since we feel it merits study.

"Methods of Establishing and Promoting 4-H Club Work in Urban Areas" - Here is a copy of Marie Wolfe's thesis, done at Cornell University in 1956. We are surely pleased to have enough copies to distribute to State and Assistant State Club Leaders.

"4-H Club Charter" - Now available for your orders is the new 4-H Club Charter. The present format is the one receiving most votes by State Leaders attending National Camp.

"4-H Club Work in Horticulture" - May we share a copy of the talk given by Allen Baker at the annual meeting of the American Society for Horticultural Science in late August.

"Junior 4-H Leader Garden" - An interesting quote used in three or four of the different States' bulletins. We hardly know whom to credit, but we like it.

4-H IN CURRENT MAGAZINES

SEVENTEEN - November - Features Barbara Jean David of Kansas as "Miss Young America in 4-H". A press release about this feature is attached.

Note also the regular 4-H column which this time salutes four State workers in tribute to all of you across the country.

SUCCESSFUL FARMING - October - has two 4-H articles: "4-H Boys Show how to Winterize Your Car" (Ohio), and "They're Teaching Gun Safety" (Oklahoma).

FORD TIMES - October - has an article by our good friend Franklin M. Reck entitled "The Heart of 4-H".

FAMILY CIRCLE - October - an article "Meet the Morgans--They Sew for Fun and Fashion" tells of the daughters' accomplishments through 4-H and also of the mother's leadership activities. (New Jersey)

THIS WEEK MAGAZINE - October 28 - "Carol Jean Makes a Pizza", 4-H foods member of Denver, Colorado.

BETTER FARMING METHODS - October - "Urban 4-H Program" (Nassau County, N.Y.)

FORD FARMING - Fall - "Big City 4-H Clubs" - Mentions urban 4-H work in several States but makes particular reference to Denver.

ADVANCE (Magazine of Congregational Church) - Sept. 21 - pays tribute to Frank H. Mynard Jr. of Illinois and recognizes his good 4-H Club work. The article is entitled "One of Those Rare Persons."

ONE (Magazine of Lutheran Church) - "Two Who Live 4-H" illustrates the 4-H philosophy through the accomplishments of two Ohio Club members. Cover picture is also 4-H.

SEVENTEEN-AT-SCHOOL - November - Connecticut leaders and junior leaders pool ideas about Christmas gift-making.

ESSO FARM NEWS - Fall - "Biggest Little Fair on Earth" tells of 4-H at the Deerfield Fair in New Hampshire. Portrays it through the activities of Shirleyann Fish, who exhibits sheep.

TODAY'S TEENS (McCalls) - Fall - "She Learned How to Win" tells the achievements of Jerrye Dunahoo of Georgia. Also, a reference in the "Make It Yourself With Wool" item, identifies Caroline Meers of Missouri as a 4-H member.

ADULT LEADERSHIP - October - Note the 4-H reference in the Wallace Ogg article on "Teaching with Television." This tells how 4-H boys joined in an experiment which involved the State Boys' 4-H Camp and subsequent discussion groups.

4-H YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES

National Convention of Future Farmers of America - Billy Joe West of Platt City, Missouri, gave greetings from the 4-H Clubs. Billy Joe is president of the State 4-H Club Council of Missouri. He has attended Club Congress and is currently using a 4-H scholarship at the Missouri College of Agriculture.

About 500 4-H Club delegates participated in the 4-H Conference held in connection with the Kansas City Royal Livestock Show. They were chiefly from Oklahoma, Kansas, and Missouri.

The Sales Executive Club of Chicago recognized Lois Knoop, 4-H girl from Kankakee County, and Raymond Huftoin, a 4-H boy from DeKalb County, Illinois, as representative 4-H'ers in achievement in consumer education and livestock marketing. A boy and girl in Junior Achievement were recognized at the same time.

National Safety Conference - Mary Lou Meinders, Route 1, Belknap, Illinois, spoke on "Teen-Ager's Responsibilities in Safety" at the opening assembly. Mary Lou has been a county safety winner. The Youth Section consisted of 175 young people.

Second Annual 4-H Dairy Conference - A total of 116 members representing 15 States participated. These delegates averaged 8 years in 4-H and 18 years of age. The Delegates' Workshop was highly successful. A panel on careers was a highlight. Eugene C. Meyer of Hoard's Dairyman, as moderator, accepted questions from the audience and referred them to panel members which included dairy leaders from land-grant colleges and the dairy industry. Interesting to note that 12 of the 19 dairy princesses were former 4-H Club members.

Dairy Judges at Waterloo and at Chicago - State of Washington 4-H'ers have the honor of being top dairy judges at Waterloo and later at Chicago. Whatcom County is the home of David Dickson, Bonnie Dickson, Gary Bailey, and Larry Benson.

IDEAS IN ACTION - SOME OF THE THINGS BEING DONE IN THE STATES

LEADERSHIP TRAINING:

MONTANA - District Leader Training Conferences

Six district conferences have or will be held for local leaders this fall. Each features three workshops on teaching phases of 4-H: How to teach 4-H record keeping, judging as a teaching device, and Demonstrations as a Teaching Device. A State-wide 4-H Leaders' School is slated for January 21 through 25.

NEW YORK - Leader Training

Many of you know of the excellent leader training held in Onondaga County. Two series of leader training meetings are announced for this fall--a series of five meetings for new leaders, and six meetings where homemaking subject matter will be taught, each session devoted to a different project.

NORTH DAKOTA - Training for Adult Agricultural Leaders

During a two-week's period in October, NDAC Extension specialists meet with adult 4-H agricultural leaders throughout the State. Each specialist visits about five counties to present information and answer questions concerning 4-H materials and methods.

PENNSYLVANIA - District Conferences for Leaders

Two district conferences were held with the focus on Understanding Young People, with Dr. Glenn Dildine as special consultant. By lecture, panel presentation and group discussion, Dr. Dildine helped leaders understand behavior patterns for teenagers at different stages in their development. Leaders were guided to have a sympathetic and scientific understanding of these patterns.

RHODE ISLAND - Agent Conference

A more effective program in home economics for 4-H Club members was theme of a two-day conference. County 4-H home economics agents, State specialists and State home demonstration and 4-H Club leaders met to evaluate the present program and plan for the year ahead.

SOUTH DAKOTA - Leader Training

The annual leadership camp was held at Camp Lakodia in eastern South Dakota. To make attendance easier, the event alternates between the east and west sides of the State. One of the interesting program features included a socio-drama by rural youth representatives of several counties, with the aim of acquainting the 4-H leaders with YMW activities and with ways such groups could aid the 4-H program.

WEST VIRGINIA - Regional Conferences for Leaders

A series of regional conferences is being held from October 5 through November 18, for local adult 4-H leaders, assistant leaders, and adult council members. Project work and teaching methods are included along with methods of working with youth.

WISCONSIN - Leadership training

The sixth annual State 4-H Leaders conference has the theme of "An Effective 4-H Club Program". Leaders discussed and recommended ways by which the 4-H program can better meet the needs of boys and girls. Leaders with 25 years or more of service came in for special recognition.

An earlier training event offered local leaders a week's instruction in one of the six 4-H crafts. Arts and Crafts instructors at the University of Wisconsin were in charge. Adult leaders from 19 counties availed themselves of the opportunity.

SENIOR 4-H AND YMW:

NEW ENGLAND YMW CONFERENCE

The Sixth Annual conference, held in October at Camp Sargent in Peterborough, New Hampshire, had Mrs. Ruth West of New Hampshire and Dr. John Mitchell of Rhode Island in the advisory capacity. FES participants were Dr. Ed. Pope and John Banning. Paralleling the youth sessions was a meeting for Extension personnel, with Director Bevan reporting on the New England Pilot Project for YMW.

FIVE STATE YMW CONFERENCE (Ohio, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia)

More than 200 young men and women met for three days at Jackson's Mill for their annual conference, with Merle Howes serving as chairman of the planning committee, and Mylo Downey as FES representative. Program theme was "Learn, Decide, Act" and included a number of workshops and special assemblies of particular interest to young people in the 18-25 year age group.

INTERSTATE ALL STARS CONFERENCE

The Interstate 4-H All Stars, with members in 8 States, held their annual conference in late September at Jackson's Mill. This honorary 4-H organization, established in 1919, has as its motto "Service".

ARKANSAS - Workshops for Senior Members

A total of 364 Senior 4-H Club members have attended a series of workshops set up to train older 4-H members and junior leaders. Areas emphasized were organization, personality improvement, recreation and conservation.

COLORADO - YMW MEETING

The Gunnison Young Rancher and Homemakers Clubs played host to a November 2-3 meeting at which young men and women from counties where there are no Young Farmer and Homemaker groups were special guests, along with YFH members from nearby counties. Program features included a judging contest and a tour to Gunnison ranches on the first afternoon, dinner and square dancing in the evening, and educational sessions with speakers on the last morning.

GEORGIA - Camps Divided Junior-Senior

The first year's experience in dividing camp programs into junior and senior groupings has been successful. The leaders are making plans for a similar organization plan for another year.

LOUISIANA - Senior Camps

Agents, leaders and older 4-H members are enthusiastic about the senior 4-H camps held in their State. The programs were especially pitched toward the interest of older members. Some of the topics covered were: How Grown-Up Am I Socially? Dating, Careers, and Personality Development.

TOURS AND EXCHANGES:

INDIANA - State Achievement Tours

Two achievement tours annually take Hoosier 4-H members to Washington, D. C. and one group of them to New York City. One group of 32 members were general achievement winners, 32 other members won judging, demonstration, and dress review classes at the State Fair. Tours are planned so they overlap a day in Washington, D. C., this being an occasion for a banquet and dance for the delegates and their special guests.

NEW MEXICO - Sharing Out-of-State Trips

The State's delegates to National 4-H Camp and National 4-H Club Congress prepared special exhibits for display in the Student Union lounge during the period of the New Mexico 4-H Club Camp. The exhibits also included slides in an admatic projector, and some high quality record books.

NEW YORK - County Exchange

Nassau County, a highly urbanized county, has a 4-H exchange with a rural county in the same State. This is just another example of how 4-H can develop greater appreciation among fellow Club members even in the home State.

NEW 4-H BUILDINGS:

COLORADO - New Exhibit Building at State Fair

A new 4-H exhibit building was dedicated and put to use for the recent State Fair. Members, leaders, supporters, even the Governor, were on hand for the gala occasion.

GEORGIA - Sutton Hall at 4-H Center

"Mister Four-H" was the affectionate term applied to Director "Bill" Sutton at the dedication of the new dining hall at Rock Eagle 4-H Center in his honor. His portrait now hangs in the hall.

4-H ACTIVITIES:

KANSAS - Music Appreciation

Most local clubs include a music appreciation number at their regular club meetings. This year, the clubs will have a special music appreciation booklet prepared by John Hanna of the State 4-H staff. Kansas Song-of-the-Month selections are announced for the year ahead.

MINNESOTA - Conservation and Health Achievement Camps

Two very worth-while training events were recently completed. The Conservation topics included firecraft, forestry, outdoor cookery, land appreciation, plants of Minnesota, developing good fishing, and gun safety. Workshop sessions at the Health Camp included teen-age nutrition, personality, dental health, home sanitation, and planning 4-H health programs.

MONTANA - 4-H Fire Prevention and Control School

Twenty-four young people from as many counties attended the second school of this type, held October 26 and 27. Each of the 24 was trained to pass along information to clubs back home. Training work at the school included the prevention of structural fires, types and uses of fire extinguishers, and prevention and control of range fires. Club members also traded ideas on accomplishments of 4-H individuals and clubs in their counties. Several interested groups cooperated with the Extension personnel in holding the school.

NORTH CAROLINA - Camp Training Pays Off

Soon after receiving artificial respiration training at 4-H camp, Clifton Shook used his skill to save the life of his 11-year-old sister, whom he had rescued from the bottom of a pond. The swift action of this 15-year-old member is credited with preventing the near-fatal accident. In telling of the incident, L. R. Harrill says it is the second of its kind in the State during the past 12 months.

TEXAS - Interesting Conservation Feature

Presidio County 4-H boys are conducting a large demonstration showing the value of deferred grazing, pitting, reseeding and proper stocking rate as management aids in range improvement work.

VERMONT - Forestry and Conservation Camp

The training event was planned to offer up-to-date instruction to 4-H Club members enrolled in soil or wildlife conservation or in forestry, along with outdoor living skills. Soil Conservation staff members guided the campers in the study of soils in general and five Vermont soils in particular. Problems of pond and stream fisheries management and wildlife improvement phases were discussed by Fish and Game Service staff members.

PROMOTIONAL IDEAS:

CALIFORNIA

Each issue of the California Farm Bureau Monthly carries a two-page spread about 4-H activities across the State. One of the helpful features is a calendar of 4-H dates. This 4-H section does not preclude other 4-H stories in the same paper - a current one tells of 4-H members raising guide dogs for the blind.

MISSISSIPPI - Plan for Announcing 4-H Winners

Extension editors have given serious thought about a plan for announcing State 4-H winners. As soon as the winners are known, one of the two editors visits the agent to take pictures and get facts. Prints or mats are sent back to the agents, who write their own local stories and release them on the agreed upon date. State Extension editors make simultaneous news and picture releases for State and other daily papers, grouping the members or otherwise adapting to the daily paper's needs.

KANSAS - 4-H Journal

The Kansas 4-H Journal, a monthly 4-H news magazine, was given to the Kansas 4-H Foundation by its publishers, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pettit of Topeka in memory of Mrs. Pettit's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hinkle Guy. Dale Apel has been named managing editor of the Journal. With the January issue, an entirely new type publication is planned, to include features for members, leaders, and parents.

ON THE FINANCIAL SIDE:

NORTH CAROLINA - Outstanding in Thrift Program

State Leader L. R. Harrill has accepted an award from the Treasury Savings Bond Division for the outstanding work the North Carolina 4-Hers have done in their thrift program.

TENNESSEE - Funds for 4-H

The Tennessee 4-H Club Bankers Fund drive in support of the State and National 4-H Club Foundations increased more than \$1,000 within recent weeks. The leaders in the drive are pointing out that the 4-H Foundation funds are in addition to the excellent local support banks and bankers have always given to 4-H Club work. The drive is being headed by L. C. Jacobs, State 4-H Foundation chairman, from Nashville.

NEWS OF OUR COWORKERS

Clarence B. Wadleigh, veteran State 4-H leader in New Hampshire, left in late October for a two-year stay in Greece. He will work in Athens with the Greek Ministry of Agriculture. There are currently 20,000 Greek youth in that nation's equivalent of 4-H.

Osgood Magnuson left his position October 8 to become Executive Director of the Lutheran Student Foundation of Minnesota. "Ossie" has been on the State 4-H staff for nine years and, previous to that, was a county agent for three years.

Ingrid Tierese, assistant State 4-H Club leader in Mississippi, is currently studying child development at the University of California. She has a Farm Foundation grant.

The members of the Ohio staff doing 4-H work now have the title of Supervisor 4-H Club Work. In error, our last letter listed this title for Russell Smith, but omitted mention of the other fine folks who assist State Club Leader "Hy" Harshfield. New on the Ohio staff is Mrs. Kathryn Stephenson Greer, who will serve as Acting Associate State 4-H Leader while Beatrice Cleveland is on leave for study. Mrs. Greer has had considerable experience in West Virginia.

Miss Violet Higbee is Rhode Island's new Home Demonstration Leader. For many years, Miss Higbee worked closely with 4-H Club members as specialist in foods and clothing. Mrs. Mary Eliz. Jacobson is the newly-appointed specialist to fill that role.

Rhonwyn Lowry has been named to the Board of Directors of the International Farm Youth Exchange alumni organization. She was a former IFYE delegate to Denmark. It is interesting to note the number of former IFYE's who are now giving leadership on State 4-H Club staffs.

Five new appointments, announced by their respective States are:

Sara Graham, Assistant State Girls' 4-H Club Agent in South Carolina,
replacing Mrs. Hazle Dean Wise
Ronald F. Aronson, Assistant State Boys' 4-H Leader in Iowa
Loren F. Goyen, Assistant State Club Leader in Kansas
Charles Gosney, Assistant in 4-H Club, in Indiana
Mrs. Evelyn Quesenberry, Assistant in 4-H Club Work, former
Home Demonstration Agent in Indiana, replaces Mrs. Ruth
Heitz Stearns on Indiana State 4-H Staff

Mary Ann Busch of the West Virginia staff was married in September and is now living in her home State of Wisconsin. Martha Kirby of Tennessee is an October bride. She will continue her assignment on the State 4-H staff. Marie Curry of South Dakota is making plans for a December wedding. She will continue to live in the State.

In Missouri, Bill Colley has been added to the information staff with full time assignment on 4-H.

We have had interesting reports from A. G. Kettunen in Finland, telling particularly of their interest in working through volunteer leaders. He took part in the 4-H Contest program where delegates participated from Sweden, Denmark, Norway and Finland. By the time this letter reaches you, Kett. will be back at home in Michigan. A whopping testimonial dinner has been arranged in his honor.

Massachusetts has named Merle L. Howes from Maryland to be their new State 4-H Club Leader, succeeding Horace M. Jones. Merle has been serving as assistant 4-H Club Leader in Maryland, and was once a 4-H Fellow.

Rudy Monosmith, State 4-H Club Leader in California, was featured speaker for the Annual Donors' Meeting held in Chicago in September. Rudy's topic was "An American Partnership - 4-H and Friends."

Kenneth Anderson has given a thrilling report of the Rural Leadership Workshop recently completed in the Casa De La Cultura Educativa at Quito, Ecuador. To suitably commemorate the occasion a plaque was placed in the building, which says in part:

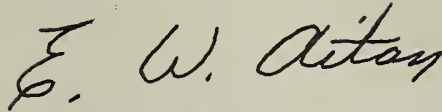
"The spirit of the farm youth of America here united lives
forever in the hearts of its peoples. Present:

ECUADOR, BOLIVIA, EL SALVADOR, GUAYANA INGLESE, HAITI, COSTA RICA, AND PERU

Quito, October 1 - 10, 1956"

We count it a real opportunity to team up with you fine folks who, to us, represent the fountain-head of that "Spirit of the Farm Youth of America", so inspiring to our neighbors to the South as well as in other parts of the world.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "E. W. Aiton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "E." being more prominent.

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4-H Club and YMW Programs

Associate Leaders:

John Banning
Tena Bishop
Mylo Downey
C. C. Lang
Lloyd Rutledge
Fern Shipley (Editor of "Ideas")

Enclosures.

